

## FIRE DESTROYS INSIDE OF LOCAL BAKE-SHOP

**Early Morning Blaze Destroys Oven and Walls of Building Prompt Action of Brigade Subdues Fire in Hour.**

Fire which was first noticed at 5 a.m. Sunday, demolished the big oven and caused unestimated damage to the walls and interior of the bake-shop of the Bassano Bakery.

Jas. Shape of Countess, who was motoring through town, first noticed the blaze and awakened John Horne, proprietor of the bakery. He then gave the alarm.

The brigade responded immediately and had the blaze in hand in shortly over an hour. Five hundred feet of hose was laid, one stream alone being used to quench the fire. There was a gentle breeze blowing at the time but it did not increase the hazard of spreading.

The origin of the conflagration has not yet been determined. A fire not caused by hard wires is considered the most plausible explanation.

The oven, a huge brick and steel structure, was rendered unfit for further use. The walls cracked and expanded under the tremendous heat. The ceiling also was demolished and three walls will have to be reconstructed.

Several hundred pounds of flour was ruined as well as a large quantity of bread wrappers in the basement. The foundation of the fire was undermined by water. The condition of two machines, a moulder and a mixer has not yet been determined.

The prompt action of the Bassano fire brigade undoubtedly prevented the fire from reaching more tragic proportions.

**Oven and Walls of Building Subdues Fire in Hour.**

## SCHOOL REPORT

**Grade II**

Belle Dross	98.5
Wally Phelps	95.6
Margaret Storck	95.2
Patricia Hannon	90.7
Shirley Smith	89.2
Jack Hannon	88.7
Madeline Simonin	87.5
Gordon Walker	86.7
Elaine Deagan	84.5
Eddie Cadot	79.7
Bobby McLean	77.5
Donald Fraser	73.5
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Absent from tests: Mary Pragmal.

**Grades I**

Lola Wilson	97.5
Johnny Fraser	94.5
Gordon Taylor	94.5
Zeta Marriott	95
John MacLean	95
Lyle McDougall	94.5
Sally Laskowski	94.5
Norman Meltinger	94.5
Joey Smith	94.5
Lester Jordan	92
Walter Huse	91
Robert Orlino Harris	90.5
Benny Berling	89.5
Martin Irvine	87
Gilbert Taylor	79

**Plans for Hussar's Big Stampede Underway**

Big Annual Celebration Again to be Held on May 24—Children's Sports, Stampede Events and Dance on Day's Program

Hussar's biggest celebration of the year, the "Hussar Stampede", will again be held on Victoria Day this year, Friday, May 24. This stampede is regarded by the biggest and best in Alberta, next to the Calgary Exhibition. For years the best riders of the west have competed for the northwest prize.

This year the prize list remains the same as in former years. Top award of \$15 goes to the winner of the Bucking Horse with Association Saddle event with second and third prizes of \$25 and \$15. There are twelve events on the stampede program and prizes are correspondingly high.

Children's sports commence at 10 o'clock in the morning. School pupils are invited to be present and compete in the races and jumping events. The stampede program will start promptly at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Climaxing the day of sport will be a dance commencing at 7:30 in the evening. The Medicine Hat Serenade, a musical sextet orchestra, promises to play until the early hours of the morning if the crowd demands.

A slight change has been made in the executive for this year's stampede. With the death of E. LeGrand, popular old-time manager, J. C. Lawson is now manager, and W. A. Treacy is assistant manager. F. R. Reeves is secretary. W. G. Nelson, president and H. D. Brown, treasurer.

**MAKEPEACE**

MAKEPEACE, May 7.—Seedling is so w. in full swing in the district. Fractor and horse outfits are making the dust fly.

A heavy dust storm descended on our city on Saturday and everything was in semi-darkness for some time. Bassano says it came from Makepeace and Makepeace says it came from Bassano. However, no bad soil drifting was reported.

J. J. Muller was a business visitor in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy were callers at the Plummer home Saturday evening.

The back-water race started on Sunday and a number of the local teamsters from Makepeace and Crowfoot spent an enjoyable afternoon.

We welcome the Portney family from Gem, who have taken possession of the Portney farm. We hear that Crowfoot also welcomes them.

## CROWFOOT

CROWFOOT, May 6.—The first plowmen of the season at the Crowfoot creek were McCurdy's, Hottel's, Blom and Campbell who returned out last Sunday afternoon and had supper there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rothbourn, Sid and Tom, and Belhel MacLaughlin, Mrs. Hoffbauer and Eleanor, Ole Boonen and William Hoffbourn spent Sunday at the Chamberlain home at Gem.

Mr. J. Clark spent Sunday visiting Mrs. F. Hoffbourn.

We understand Ralph Holst is moving down to the farm this week and from all the reports about the furniture it looks as though he might not be figuring on batching. How about it, Ralph?

J. W. Reed of Bonner's Ferry Idaho, was in this vicinity a few days last week looking after his farming interests here. He returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Culbertson and family left for Sunny California last Saturday.

Mrs. M. J. Kemp and Mr. Puller of Vulcan spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hingford. Mrs. Kemp came up to look and have her farming interests in this vicinity.

Mrs. Blake Robertson is spending a few days at Gleichen visiting her mother and sister.

**CHANCELLOR**

CHANCELLOR, May 6.—The Chancellor W.I. ladies entertained at their annual Mothers' day meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Memorial hall. There were around 150 visitors and members present. A large representation came from Standard, as well as from Hussar and Cluny. The hall was nicely decorated in the colors of red and white. On behalf of the Chancellor W.I. members, Mrs. J. M. Wheatley in some pleasing words made the guests a hearty welcome. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Piano solo by Mrs. Dyre; duet by Mrs. C. Dahl and Mrs. E. Wirt; The Meaning of "Mother" by Chancellor school children; solo by Miss Beverly Dahl; Songs My Mother Loved, by Mrs. N. Hansen, Mrs. P. Rogers and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley; recitation by Miss Green Knowlton; piano solo by Mrs. H. F. Penke; recitation by Miss Dorothy Nelson; reading by Mrs. A. A. Whistler; singing, Gossie, Mother's Quilt, Mrs. Clark of Cluny gave a short talk. After the close of the meeting, the W.I. members enjoyed a delicious luncheon to close the day.

Mrs. D. Duggan of Calgary has been visiting the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley. Misses Marie and Amelia Gransberg of Bassano visited with Mrs. M. L. Muir on Wednesday. Miss A. Gransberg stayed with Mrs. Muir until Friday.

Miss Marjorie Grant went to Calgary on Thursday afternoon and with Cluny on Monday to reopen school the following morning.

Mr. G. C. Phillips made his weekly trip to Calgary for grocery supplies on Wednesday.

Mrs. Phillips left for Della on Sunday to spend the summer months with her son and family there. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips motored up with her.

Miss Alice Nowicki was a visitor in Calgary over the week-end.

The Jubilee celebration had to be postponed on account of the severe storm on Monday. It will be held in Gleichen on May 24.

E. McIntosh and family spent the holiday in Calgary.

Members of the Cluny W.I. were invited to attend the Chancellor W.I. Mother's day program on Thursday, May 2, which was very much enjoyed by all.

Fred Fairbourn directed a painful injury to his hand a few days ago. He got his hand caught between a trailer and a truck. Dr. A. G. Stott attended to him.

## Bow Valley U.F.A. To Nominate Here

Delegates From All Bow Valley Centenaries to Congregate at Bassano Public Addresses in Evening

The Bow Valley U.F.A. party will arrive here on Wednesday, May 15, when they hold their nominating convention at Bassano. The convention proper will take place at 2 p.m. in the Masonic community hall, and there will be two speakers, J. C. Buckley, M.L.A. and Norman Priestley.

Don J. Russell Love, M.L.A., will address a big evening meeting in the same hall.

Bassano Delegates At a meeting held at Latham on Tuesday evening, the Bassano local of the U.F.A. elected eight delegates to attend the convention. They are Mrs. Hoffbauer, Ralph Burrows, Percy Powell, Harry Jones, George Thompson, Walter Erickson, George Thibault and Jack Hood.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the evening address.

**Women's Institute**

The regular meeting of the Bassano women's institute met at the home of Mrs. Wilson on Tuesday, May 7, where plans were completed for Mrs. J. Hoffbauer to attend the provincial convention being held in Edmonton May 11 to 21.

Resolutions coming before the provincial convention were very fully discussed.

Mrs. Cadot was appointed secretary to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Murdoch being in eastern Canada.

Meeting closed by singing God Save the King, followed by a delicious lunch served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bolot on May 21.

**LATHOM**

LATHOM, May 7.—A football game between Countess and Lathom was played on the Lathom grounds Sunday. The score was 15-13 in favor of Lathom.

Two clubs have been formed by the senior and junior girls. The seniors are known as the Three G's club and the junior as the BB club. Both clubs would like more members. The Three G's club meets every Wednesday at the number 10 house. The BB club meets at Mrs. G. Goodie's house every Saturday afternoon. Every encouragement should be given to these young ladies.

Miss J. Pomeroy entertained her pupils to the show Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey and family of Rosemary spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. Wurster. Mrs. Lowrey returned home with her parents, arriving at the post two days later.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Irvine and children and Mildred Wurster were visitors at the Wurster home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. Mott returned home Wednesday from Calgary.

Roy Blighman was a visitor Wednesday at J. J. Blighman's.

Mrs. Rubinek of Brooks was a business-traveler Tuesday at Mrs. A. Koskivara's.

Mrs. L. Munro and children of Marjorie have moved onto the Walsh place.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hood have moved onto S. Sandford's farm.

Mrs. H. A. Rosa and Gladys returned home last Saturday from a visit to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rosa and family have moved into the ditch riders' house, lately vacated by Mr. Newman. Mr. Newman has been moved to Gem.

W. Freeman and Louise Osterbury were visitors at the Freeman home Sunday.

The Bassano Minstrel troupe put on one of the best shows ever seen in town last Friday night in the Masonic hall. Songs, skits and jokes followed in rapid succession, to keep the audience in the fiddle during the entire program.

The entire cast was drawn from local men. Some of them had never seen a stage before, but under the able tutelage of Jas. Johnston, developed into capable actors.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT NOON, SAT.

**PROCLAMATION**

I hereby proclaim a public holiday on Saturday, May 11, between the hours on 12 noon and 2 p.m.

All citizens will please observe same.

H. O. BREDIN, Mayor.

**HUSSAR**

HUSSAR, May 3.—After covering the ground with snow on May 1 and following that with a blizzard and a heavy dust storm, and then cold, weather the weather has ushered in a beautiful morning, Friday. The warm weather of spring is needed in order to permit of the spring work being done properly. Another storm and rain on Monday.

H. Rooser, J. A. Collins, May Treason, Jose Byers and Howard spent the week-end in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lourie motored to Calgary on Sunday.

The First Hussar Company of Girl Guides and Rangers met on Wednesday evening at the home of Guide June Dundas. Eighteen members and a hearty dust present. It was decided to have a booth on May 24 and Mabel Waltemath, Evelyn Holland and Marton Sanden were appointed to make arrangements. Plans will be carried out much as last year. It was voted to hold the annual Guide church service on June 2, and to include a hike out to the home of H. E. Gordon of Langdon, who had charge of all of the Guide services here, will be asked to preach here on Sunday, May 12, at 2:30 p.m. Several of the guides will take part in the annual sports day to be held here on May 14. Next meeting will include a hike out to the home of Guide-Margaret Marjorie Elliott, when each patrol will put on a demonstration of first aid in case of accident.

A drill in guide signals followed. After the meeting, June Dundas served light refreshments.

There will be early mass at 9 a.m. in the church on Sunday, May 13, with Father McCormack of Gleichen officiating.

Gordon Ledrandeur, Mrs. V. F. LeGrandeur and Dorothy went to Calgary on Friday and Nettie returned with them for her holiday.

Margaret Anderson and Chester Thibault who spent last week with their parents, returned to the Hat on Saturday. Miss Gladys Thibault accompanied them.

Mr. C. Campbell, who is assisting Frank Campbell in the Cooperative store, was joined by his wife and children, who arrived here during the week-end. The children entered school at the beginning of the term.

Mothers' day will be commemorated with special services on Sunday, May 13, with Rev. A. H. Aldridge, Calgary preaching, and the Sunday school sharing in the program.

The Rangers will hold a special meeting at the home of Lucille Swaillans on May 16. Several will qualify for tenderfoot badges.

Word has just arrived of the death of Edna Wall from pneumonia in her home in Seattle. She left a bride of six months, besides his relatives here and in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell and Margaret motored to Acme on Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown.

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**Rein, Gold and Wind Cause Celebration to be Postponed—Extra Program Suggested.**

A heavy downpour of rain and a cold, windy day ruined plans for celebrating the king's after Jubilee on Monday. The celebration committee at a meeting on Monday at noon decided to postpone the entire program of parade, speech, presentation of medals and school sports until Saturday.

The program was planned for the children's pleasure and Saturday was deemed more convenient for them.

Consequently, Mayor H. O. Bredin was questioned as to the possibility of a proclamation for a two-hour holiday on Saturday.

The period of the holiday was set for 12 noon to 2 p.m. All stores will be closed during that period.

The parade committee at 12:30, the parade from the hotel and events will continue in the order planned.

**DUCHESSE**

DUCHESSE, May 8.—Miss Ida Wegels of New York arrived Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Liord of Del. returned from their holiday in the horse suburb on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell and Jean returned from their holiday in the horse suburb on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Purcell in Oyan. Quite a number from here took in the dance in Brooks Monday night.

Rob Enderby was in Calgary on Monday in connection with social credit.

Ruth Hole spent a few days visiting friends in Macleod and is returning Tuesday night.

Mrs. Petra Anderson returned from Calgary Saturday after a few days holiday in the city.

May 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Folen on Born to at the Bassano hospital, a son.

**BOARD OF TRADE**

Quorum Again Lacking—Only 13 Members Present

Probably because Wednesday was not a civic half-holiday and many merchants did not get away, the regular meeting of the Board of Trade was postponed.

In informal reports the various chairmen of committees described the work in which he was engaged.

The board have been held for a day on floor but the ground in the curling rink building is too damp to proceed with laying the floor.

The fair-ground trustees reported that a schedule of sports had been lined up for the first of July.

Mayor H. O. Bredin had recovered sufficiently to allow his attendance at the regular meeting of the town council held last Tuesday evening.

The mayor has been ill for several weeks and is still under care at the local hospital.

The council granted a request from the Golf club for a quantity of wire and material for the clubhouse and trees on the golf course.

The date of the sitting of the court of revision was set for Tuesday, June 4.

Following is a list of payments for the month of April:

Bassano School District	\$1000.00
Jubilee Celebration Com.	50.00
Bassano Municipal Hospital	50.00
Alta Government Telephone	12.00
Calgary Power Co.	349.30
G. S. Warren	15.43
W. R. Fairfair	64.84
Curtis & Milroy	7.80
Royal Bank	13.65
Provincial Treasurer	60.00
Workmen's Comp. Board	51.15
Village North West Deer	14.00
Metals Ltd.	11.37
Louis Conn	18.20
Bassano Mail	9.10
W. R. Fairfair	5.08
A. McKee	7.84
Chas. Holmes	90.25
Can. Women's Hotel	20.56
W. R. Fairfair	14.00
H. A. Travis	6.88
A. Meldinger	23.70
Burns & Appleton	44.10
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## SETTLERS TAKE OVER

The final step in the transfer of the Eastern Irrigation district from the ownership of the Canadian Pacific Railway to that of the settlers on the area was taken the first day of May. That will be a historic day in the annals of this irrigation project. The past is history, the future lies unrevealed. But the basis is present for the hope that the change will mean a betterment.

The ownership of this tract of land and the irrigation works and appurtenances by the settlers does not settle all problems. What it does do is to provide an opportunity for these farm people to work out their own destiny. They are in business, a big way. They have control and ownership of a twelve-million-dollar enterprise. The success or the failure of that will result largely with themselves.

The primary essential for success lies in the application of sound business principles. Each settler must be fully impressed with his individual responsibility. He must bear his share of the load and he must realize any special concession that he may seek must, if granted, come from the pockets of his fellow farmers.

In our opinion success can be achieved but it centres around one feature—Can the irrigation district be made to pay? If the committee in charge lays down a plan of collection and adheres to it steadfastly there will be no problem. But if the settlers manage to evade payment, that will be a different story. Failure will then be in the offing.

As we understand it, this scheme was entered into by the settlers for the purpose of securing an advantageous deal whereby they might be placed in a position to own their farms. That has been accomplished. Our understanding is that \$10 an acre is the maximum price to be charged for farm land. We know of no irrigated land anywhere in the world, nay, we know of no good agricultural land anywhere near to railways, telephones, schools and settlements, offering at anything nearly as low as \$10 an acre. There can positively be no kick against the price.

The cost of maintaining the irrigation system and supplying water is another question. The charge under the C.P.R. was \$12.25 an acre. This cannot be duplicated at present by the settlers. But we are led to believe that \$1.75 is the top estimate. This can be brought down by extending settlement, by prompt payment of rental and by efficient and economical business methods.

By working together, by being determined, industrious, energetic and tolerant, the settlers of this irrigation district can make an outstanding record of their property. They can demonstrate to Western Canada, and to the dominion, that farmers can work together and achieve things by themselves and for themselves.

## SILVER PRICES SOAR

Silver prices soaring on world markets start prospectors out into the wilds in search of the pale metal, and reopen mines where ore values still exist.

The upward bound of silver prices is a reaction to the continued purchases of the United States government. Congress provided for the government in that country maintaining in its coffers a supply of silver equal to one-third the total gold holdings. This means that a billion ounces of silver has still to be purchased.

The policy being followed in the United States is proving a boon for the silver mines, the prices having soared over 75c an ounce and may reach \$1.25 before the government objective is reached.

But countries on the silver standard, principally China and Mexico, are having their troubles. China's silver money is being drained away at a rapid rate. Depression and panic are developing and the country is in real trouble.

Canada is a considerable producer of silver and benefits greatly from the changed situation. There is a peril, however, in the prospect of much increased silver production and a vast over-supply of metal that is but secondary as a monetary base.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the time of writing it is understood that a number of nominations for the Eastern Irrigation District board of trustees are to be made and election will develop. This is a matter that lies entirely in the hands of the settlers entitled to vote.

From time to time the suggestion was made that the original committee should be returned by acclamation. This committee unquestionably has given splendid service in carrying out the scheme for the transfer of the project. Probably their efforts will not be fully recognized or appreciated for years to come. It would have been a nice thing to have selected them by acclamation.

But aside from all that the decision rests entirely with the settlers and that cannot be properly questioned. Such is the method of sound democracy and in such ways is confidence established and retained. Our present hope is that the board will be composed of men who have the welfare of the undertaking at heart and will, when elected, cater only to that objective.

There is room in a democratic organization for differences of opinion. No two people think and act exactly alike and consequently there cannot be perfect unanimity. But there should be broadmindedness and reasonableness.

## THE SPRING PRAIRIE

Scattered rains and snows have aided the growth of the grass on the prairies and now a mantling of green is succeeding the drab hues of the withered grass from last year.

The alchemy of Mother Nature is at work and tiny shoots of prairie plants and flowers are emerging from a long winter's rest.

Generations of experience—of trial and error—has demonstrated what will grow best on the prairies and the flowers and plants that now infest the grass are the result of the survival of the fittest.

The prairie may appear drab and monotonous at times but then again it has a life and beauty all its own. Untouched by the hand of man, its flora persists in growth and in perpetuating itself.

Justice is as strictly due between neighbor nations as between neighbor citizens. A highwayman is as much a robber when he plunders in a gang, as when single; and a nation that makes an unjust war is only a great gang.—Franklin.

Ten Minutes  
—with the  
Scotch Philosopher

At the time of writing, early in May, the weather is cold and other wise disagreeable.

However, a month later we may all be sighing for the chilly winds that are now sweeping the plain.

What seemed a very strange thing was reported to us the other day. A neighbor, who for many years has been a city bachelor, was requested to discontinue shipments. The reason given was that his pullets were miffing with the ring-necked pheasants, which are very plentiful around the place.

Rather queer but you'll know the old adage about truth being stranger than fiction.

Discussing the recent radio controversy indulged in by Messrs. Long, Johnson and Coughlin, a New York writer claimed that the trio rose to heights of sarcasm never reached before. But that scribble could not have been familiar with some of the sayings uttered in the "Mother of Parliaments" or the statement would not have been made, and in support of our contention quote one by Daniel O'Connell:

Disraeli had not only forsaken the liberators cause but also engaged in vicious personal attacks which roused the ire of the fighting Irishman. Pointing to the Hebrew statesman, he said: "I cannot divert my mind of the belief that if this country's genealogy were traced, it would be found that he is the lineal descendant and true heir-at-law of the impudent thief who attuned for his crimes on the cross."

A well-known real estate man, while conceding that the disciples of Jesus are likely to control the next Alberta legislature, promised to turn over his first year's dividends to the writer for the purpose of establishing a local library.

Of course we thank him kindly for his goodwill, but an incident of the past reminded us of the value of good neighbors.

In the neighborhood of fifteen years ago, we saw a three-year-old steer being killed by an engine on the track, and urged our neighbor, who was the owner, to claim its value. "Listen fellow," he said, "I wouldn't waste my time on that, but you go ahead and I'll split fifty with you."

After corresponding with the railway people for over a year, the man finally received a check for sixty dollars.

Our share of this was two bits' worth of cigars. Generous lad, wasn't he? But we found the explanation long afterward: his great-grandfather was Scotch!

For a long time people have been urged by doctors and scientists to consume lots of spinach.

Now comes along a guy to say that grass is better. Well, the most of us are ready to try anything once.

The substantial reduction in the price of imported liquors has made the hearts of many city dwellers glad. However, until prosperity comes galloping around the corner, farmers will have to content themselves with buttermilk, except upon special occasions such as birthdays, etc., when white milk or best wine will help to enliven the festivities. But before we leave you for another week, we feel it necessary to give you a warning: When you have bottles of coin to shoot and think you are entitled to a crock of Johnny Walker don't send the misbegotten with a baby cart to bring it home.

The last time we paid a visit to the city we witnessed a rare spectacle. A lady came out of the vendors store with the family perambulator loaded to the roof with wet goods.

She hadn't gone two yards from the place when a cat chased by a dog came tearing along.

The cat got through the wheels all right but the dog upset the whole caboodle. With a look of great annoyance on her face, the lady departed hurriedly from the scene, leaving the numerous spectators to view the shameful waste of Lethbridge ale and Dewar's Best with mixed feelings.

## COUNTRESS C.C. CLUB TO MEET

The meeting of ladies of the C. C. Club will be held at the home of Mrs. R. D. Benjamin on Thursday, May 30.

## COUNTRESS

Leo Walsh was visiting his sister, Miss K. B. Walsh, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Leo and Patsy Marquess spent the holiday across the river with Mrs. Benjamin's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson of Armand, Texas, arrived here the first of the week. They will visit with relatives a month before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shupe and son Billy spent the week at Red Deer with relatives.

Mae and Fred Heldt, Darrel and Joanne Gamble, Don Grainger, Grace, Fern, Ralph, Pete, Robert and Maurice Ferguson, and Gordon and Donald Walker were entertained by the high school girls of Burn Brae at the Parrott home Saturday night. Outside games were played until midnight when a delicious lunch was served. Dancing was enjoyed by all. Mrs. H. Cochrane has been spending a few days in Makenpace.

## CUT DOWN MEMBERS

Great Britain is governed by a single parliament. Canada already has a parliament quite capable of managing the entire affairs of the country and consolidation of government in one body would tend to reduce government expense, centralize and control government expenditure and borrowings and reduce the ever-increasing multiplicity of taxes. A provincial administrative board working under direction of the central government could very well handle details of administration in each province.

Yet we have nine musical comedy legislatures, each plunging headlong into debt which they can never hope to pay, and each exacting massive volumes of provincial laws, conflicting in the different provinces, and many of them incapable of enforcement. Perhaps it is an old-fashioned idea to hope that we should first learn to keep the first ten laws, carved on the tablets of stone, before we rush to enact petty regulations of our own. But it at least would be an idea toward which we could direct our thoughts and energies.

Perhaps we cannot hope to dispense with legislatures all at once. But redistribution and a reduction in the number of legislative members is long overdue, and may perhaps be the start toward eventual elimination of provincial legislatures.

—Pearce River Record.

He had taken a correspondence course in pharmacy and was very proud of his diploma. One day he felt his throat getting sore and prescribed for himself, taking the prescription to the local druggist. The druggist read it solemnly and asked: "Is the doc very big?"

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## HOOKED RUGS IN EVERY HOME

Beautiful Covers for Bare Floors at  
No Cost. Other This Time Spent  
—The Homemaker Shows You How

In home craft work, rug making is  
perhaps the most popular. Every  
homemaker has material at hand to  
make one or more kinds of rugs.  
They can be made things of beauty  
if imagination and good taste are  
used. Rugs or floor mats may be  
hooked, braided, crocheted or patch-  
ed. Every scrap of old material can  
be used in one or the other kind. In  
every family there is someone who  
can make the necessary equipment  
for rug making: rug frames and rug  
hook for hooking, crochet hook for  
crocheting, and everyone has needle  
and thread for patching rugs. The  
scraps of old material that the baker  
keeps in the flour bin makes the best  
foundation, they are more closely  
woven than the ordinary  
sack. The old burlap or jute sack  
when sewn into frame drawing it very  
tight. Make any design you like  
with pencil or crayon or you may  
use solid colors and a handkerchief.

In using the old-fashioned rug  
hook, you stitch hook through from  
top side, catch a hoop held with  
left hand and pull it through about  
three-fourths of an inch, skip three  
or four threads and repeat. Some  
like to put the design in first. Old  
woolen material in torn or cut into  
small pieces one-fourth to one-half an  
inch, depending on the thickness of  
it. Old coats make lovely rugs. Any  
kind of material can be used if it  
is not too harsh, but always use ma-  
terial of about the same quality in  
one rug. The old burlap or jute  
sacks like vegetables are shipped in  
make lovely rugs. Wash them, ravel  
out and hook several strands to-  
gether. They take dye well. Any  
woman should be proud to own one  
or more. You can copy designs out  
of your mail order catalogue or, bet-  
ter still, make your own and have  
something original.

Braided rugs may be made of  
either woolen or cotton rugs. You  
may braid as many strands as you  
like and sew them together either in  
a round or oblong shape.  
Crochet rugs are usually made of  
cotton rugs. Crochet a few chain  
stitches, join, fill with doubles and  
run on round upon round, catching in  
top of stitch. Don't forget to add a  
single crochet stitch every so often to  
make work lie flat. Experience  
is the best teacher.

Patched rugs are of two kinds—  
pieces sewed together and pieces ap-  
plied on to others. Only very  
heavy material such as ladies coats  
and men's overcoats should be used,  
and sewed with strong thread. Press  
the seams flat and line with heavy  
cotton material, the best parts of old  
overalls make a good lining.  
Old silk stockings and silk knit  
underwear makes lovely bedroom  
rugs, either hooked, braided or cro-  
cheted.

It is not a fat purse but imagination  
and good taste that makes a home  
that the homemaker can be  
satisfied with and that the children  
will be proud to bring their friends  
to. The rich man uses rag rugs for  
economy. There is no excuse for  
bare floors. Anybody can have a few  
rugs, they cost only the time it takes  
to make them. Even a closely woven  
jute sack with a paste made of flour  
and water, cooked well, scrubbed in  
and dried and painted makes a nice  
stitchen mat that needs only wiping  
off with a damp cloth when dirty.  
I have not dealt with hand-woven  
rugs as it takes a loom to weave  
them and few women have a loom.  
—HOMEMAKER.

Says an exchange: "Some people  
have nothing to put away for a rainy  
day because of too many moist eve-  
nings."

## INTONE A DIRGE

Getting out this paper is no picnic.  
If we print jokes, people say we're  
stupid;  
If we don't, they say we are too  
serious.  
If we clip things from other papers,  
we are too lazy to write them  
ourselves.  
If we stick to the job all the time,  
We ought to be out hunting news.  
If we go out and try to hustle,  
We ought to be in the office.  
If we don't print contributions,  
We don't appreciate true genius.  
If we do print them, the paper is  
filled with junk.  
If we make a change in the other  
fellow's writing, we are too  
critical.  
Now like as not some guy will say,  
If we don't we are asleep.  
We saved this from some magazine.  
WE DID!

## FEWER LEADERS NEEDED

Warnings have been issued by  
speakers of every shade of politics  
that there is a possibility that a Fas-  
cist or Nazi form of government  
may develop in Canada. We believe  
there is an element of truth in the  
statement, that there are many in  
Canada who would welcome dictatorial  
control and are working towards  
that end. The majority of Canadians  
are not of that mind, however, and  
it would take an awful jar to upset  
democratic government in this coun-  
try.  
The one strong argument in favor  
of a dictatorial form of government  
in Canada is the dissension and  
trouble caused by the ambitious and  
greed of various factions. If this  
condition persists the country will be  
so weakened that it would be a ready  
prey to any strong movement toward  
a dictator.

Prior to the assumption of power  
of Mussolini in Italy that country  
was torn by intestine strife, gov-  
ernmental authority was extremely  
weak and ineffective and the contin-  
gencies of civil war seemed imminent.  
Mussolini chose the dictatorial  
method of government and certainly if  
he did nothing else, united Italy,  
strengthened her physically and mor-  
ally and aroused a patriotic enthu-  
siasm among the masses of the people.

Hitler's ascent to power in Ger-  
many followed a period of internal  
strife which threatened to disinte-  
rate the German empire. The various po-  
litical parties comprising the German  
parliament were too many in number  
and each one too insistent on having  
its own platform adopted. Instability  
of government became proverbial.  
This irritated the German people  
who are great lovers of orderliness  
and of a strong government. What-  
ever may be said of Hitler, at least  
one thing is to his credit—that he  
has united Germany and restored  
hope amid a very dark scene.

A nation to achieve any progress  
must have a measure of solidarity  
among its people. That when a people  
is split up into irreconcilable fac-  
tions governments at best are weak,  
ineffective and unstable.

What Canada really needs more  
than anything else is fewer leaders  
and more followers. There are too  
many would-be leaders—little men  
burdened with fallacies—who attract  
public attention much more than  
they deserve.—Hanna Herald.

## Items from the Past

Extracts from old  
Files of The Mail

## 18 YEARS AGO

Andy McKee is sporting a hand-  
some new Maxwell car.

The amateur dramatic club went  
to Brooks on Friday night last and  
report a splendid reception.

Thos. Hunter has purchased a new  
Studebaker car of which he is very  
proud.

Friday being Arbor Day the banks  
will be closed to give the citizens an  
opportunity to get their potatoes in.  
M. E. La Zetta, John S. Mavor, W.  
S. Playfair, Roy Smith and John  
Golden were appointed to solicit  
members for the Bassano Automobile  
and Good Roads Club. It is estimated  
that there are between 40 and 50  
automobile owners in town and be-  
tween 200 and 300 in the town and  
vicinity.

## BONERS

Blake was playing bowls when  
the Armada was sighted in the  
Channel. Asked why he did not come  
he replied that his bowls were more  
important.

Henry the Seventh was cold and  
reserved.

A testotaster is a man who never  
sees drinking.

Where was Caesar born? Caesar  
was born in triumph to the Capitol.

## THE SILVER JUBILEE of H. M. KING GEORGE V. MAY 6th, 1935.

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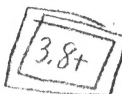
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## AUTOZOOLOGY.

A baby mule has four-wheel brakes.  
A hippopotamus has a temper;  
A firefly is a bright spot-light.  
Rabbits are puddle-jumpers.  
Camels have ballooned feet.  
And carry apace of what they eat;  
But still I think that nothing beats  
A kangaroo with rumble-seats.

## Knox Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Hart, Minister

Sunday, May 12, 1935

11 a.m.: Mother's Day Service  
Sings, Recitations by S.S. Pupils  
Parents and Friends invited

7:30 p.m.: Evening Service

Sermon subject:

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## Guessing Competition

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## MOTHER'S DAY

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## GROCERIES

FRUIT SPECIAL — 1 can straw-  
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SELECT BODA BISCUITS, extra  
quality — .49  
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2 tins — .20  
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Special, doz. — .50  
COFFEE, Star special, 4 lbs. 1.00  
TEA, Orange Pekoe, lb. .50

## EXTRA SPECIAL!

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reg. 65c for — .54  
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reg. 75c for — .54  
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The kind you put 25c a cake for  
april, 25c  
CHEESE, Baby Bittons, each .25  
BAKEABY, lb. pkgs. 2 for — .35  
CHICKEN A LA KING, special — .35

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

ORANGES, sweet and juicy, — \$1.00  
3 doz. — .25  
BANANAS, 2 lbs. — .25  
LEMONS, large size, doz. — .30  
GRAPEFRUIT, Florida, 3 for — .25  
Ripe Tomatoes — Lettuce — Celery  
Rhubarb — Sweet Potatoes — Eating  
Apples

## JAMES JOHNSTON

"The Quality Store"

## Local and Personal News

Miss Freda Leonard was home  
from Calgary for the weekend.  
Jim Fisher of B.C. was visiting  
with Russell Bassano last week.

Jim Donaldson was home from  
Ottawa for the holiday.

Miss Winifred Playfair was home  
from Princess last week-end and re-  
turned on Monday.

Ben S. Plimmer was home from  
Calgary for the Ministerial show and  
holiday weekend.

The Brooks Golf club plans to open  
on Sunday, May 17. The executive  
extends a cordial invitation to all  
Bassano players to be present.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Presby-  
terian church will hold a tea and  
sale of home cooking on Saturday,  
June 1, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the base-  
ment of the church.

Born—a daughter to Mr. and Mrs.  
G. E. Corbett of Vauxhall on Wed-  
nesday, May 8, in the Bassano hospi-  
tal.

## Notice to Creditors and Claimants

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BERTIE SANFORD PURINGTON,  
late of the Town of Bassano in the  
Province of Alberta, Will Driller,  
deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all  
persons having claims upon the above  
named BERTIE SANFORD PURIN-  
TON who died on the 19th day of  
January A.D. 1935, are required to  
file with the undersigned by the 9th  
day of June A.D. 1936 a full state-  
ment duly verified of their claims and  
of any securities held by them, and  
that after that date the executor will  
distribute the assets of the deceased  
among the parties entitled there-  
to, having regard only to the claims  
of which notice has been so filed, or  
which have been brought to his knowl-  
edge.

DATED this 7th day of May A.D.

1936.

Walter K. Webb,  
Bassano, Alberta.  
(Solicitor for the Executor)

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to obtain a supply of bread from a Calgary firm and can  
give you the usual satisfactory service.

I wish to express my appreciation for your past  
favours and hope that you will bear with me during my  
misfortune.

I also heartily thank the Bassano Fire Brigade and  
any others who may have assisted for their prompt and  
courteous action.

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BASSANO ALBERTA

## SPECIALS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

and May

Bedding Out Plants—Baskets of 12 for 25c  
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Specials for Saturday &amp; Monday, May 11th and 13th.

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CANNED BLUEBERRIES, Eagle brand, No. 2, tins, 2 tins .33  
JAM, apple and fruit, assorted flavors, 4-lb tins .47  
CEREAL, Sonny Boy, 4-lb pkg. .25  
CHOCOLATE, Baker's Dot Sweet, 1/2-lb bars, each .30  
SWEET CHERKINS, McLaren's Invincible 14-oz. jars, each .35  
PEANUT BUTTER, fancy jars, McLaren's 12-oz. each .23  
KID SHOE CLEANER, Swine's Premium, 1/2-lb tin, each .25  
PREPARED MUSTARD, Heinz, 2 bottles .25  
CATSUP, Heinz tomato, large bottles, two for .45  
SPICED HAM, Burns Hormel, 1-lb tins, each .35  
CANNED SAUSAGE, Swine's Premium, Frankfurts, 2 tins .45  
PICKLES, Heinz sweet mixed, family jars, each .55  
TEA, A.C. Economy Broken, large pkgs., per lb., .43 3 lbs. 1.25

COFFEE, Malkin's Best Vacuum Pack, per lb. .45  
LAUNDRY SOAP, Pearl White Naphtha, 11 bars .49  
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